



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

TO: Principals and Superintendents

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SUBJECT: PLTW Principles of Biomedical Science

Many Indiana high schools are offering a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) course titled *Principles of Biomedical Science*. It is an excellent STEM course that provides rigorous, interactive science instruction to students and is accepted as an Indiana Core 40 Science course.

To clarify a miscommunication, the PLTW *Principles of Biomedical Science* course does not cover the same standards and cannot be used to meet the standards for the *Health and Wellness* or *Biology I* courses. However, schools offering *Biology I* as a prerequisite to or concurrently with *Principles of Biomedical Science* have found that students are more successful.

If you have questions about this policy, please contact IDOE Science Specialist Jenny Hicks at jhicks@doe.in.gov or PLTW/STEM Specialist Kelli McGregor at kmcgregor@doe.in.gov